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Dr. Diana Hume George awarded for excellence in research

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Associate Professor of English, recently received the Behrend College Excellence in Research Award.

Dr. George was nominated by faculty members in each division and chosen by a committee comprised of faculty and ad-

She describes her major Dr. Diana Hume George, research interests as, "centered around three issues that have to do with definitions of what it is to be human." George feels that, 'we are creatures that are symbolmakers, sexual, and mortal-and that we are often aware of this."

However she stresses that this



Dr. Diana Hume George

ministrators at Behrend. Rather than focusing on one particular aspect of her varied work, she received the award for her cumulative efforts in research displayed since she began teaching at Behrend in 1981.

definition may not be complete: "This leaves out the spiritual dimension-I admire this part of the human spirit which is a mystery, and there is something more than just flesh, I try to partially unravel that mystery."

*editor's note. Dr. Zachary Irwin and Dr. Richard Mester also received Behrend "excellence" awards.

by Kimberly T. Ford opened its classrooms for the first time this semester. With its four-



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teen faculty offices, new labs for instruction and General Electric computer laboratory the building is approximately 98. completed. The community-funded building was officially dedicated on September 4th.

A coming attraction to the campus is the 6.5 million dollar Life Fitness complex. This massive structure will house three full court and basketball courts, a swimming complex, raquetball courts, as well as many modern features. The center is being funded by private contributions and will hopefully be completed in 1988.

Because the Life-Fitness complex will cover a great deal of the present playing field areas, the college has acquired and has plans to develop the Herman property near the athletic field.

A library complex is another future addition. This complex will house research areas, a drastically increased amount of space for books and materials, and a large multi-purpose area. The 9.8 million dollar project was approved by the legistature twice, but received executive vetos from the Governor when the State allocations are accrued, plans for production will begin.

Why is Behrend undergoing so any changes? One re be attributed to the fact that, "The college is constantly expanding in enrollment and with increased facilities we can more effectively accomodate our students," comments Dean Har-shbarger, Dean of Student Affairs. Also, the college was not structured to accomodate as many students as it presently does and

Student Senate schedules Freshmen Senator elections

its Freshman Senator Elections for Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 17 and 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Voting will take place both days in the Reed Union Building near the Library.

Open are the two Student Senate positions of Freshman Senator. Both positions carry voting privileges to bring the voting membership of the Senate to 15. The duties of the Freshman Senators are to represent the interest of the 850 freshmen and to serve on committees of the Student Government Association (SGA). Their terms of office run through May 1986.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Inter-Club Council (ICC) are also available positions. The Chairman of ICC also has a vote on the Student Senate and is a member of the SGA Budget Committee.

The ICC's members are representatives from the student

Yet above all Dr. George is in

search of more concrete details of

human existence as she states,

"I'm interested in how we come

to be, how we experience 'being',

and how we cease to be."

"Primary oppositions, meaning

death and sexuality, and

paradoxes attract me--I like to try

to resolve them and often can't."

Nevertheless she partakes in

this often times elusive search and

concludes that, "These consum-

ing issues are the one thread I can

identify that binds together my

diverse research interests."

coordinates club activities and sponsors theme weeks (e.g. Winterfest and Spring Week). ICC also serves as a liason between SGA and the clubs.

ICC was developed in its present form to be sure that student clubs and organizations were represented at SGA meetings. "A great deal of what SGA does directly affects clubs in terms of budgets and policy enforcement," says SGA President Douglas Gerow.

The SGA constitution requires that the Freshman Senators be elected by the fourth week of the semester. The ICC vacancies are a result of a lack of candidates in the Spring semester elections.

All first or second semester students are eligible to vote for two Freshman Senators. Since the ICC positions were not filled in Spring, the SGA Constitution specifies that the Student Senate will vote to fill the vacancies. This

The Student Senate scheduled clubs and organizations. ICC will be done at the September 18 SGA meeting held at 5:00 p.m. in Reed 116.

> Any full time student of first or second semester standing is eligible to vote for two Freshman Senators. "Elections will be held this Tuesday and Wednesday and to vote students must have valid ID cards," advises Dana Bucci, Elections Committee Chairperson. "This year's slate of candidates should mean that we will have an exciting campaign and a high voter turnout," continued Bucci.

> This columnist advises all students to vote. One fifth of the Student Senate is up for election. These 15 students make decisions that affect you. Be sure your preferences are known.

The results will be announced at the Wednesday, September 18 SGA meeting. Those who are elected shall begin serving their terms at that meeting.

These interests have sparked her to write three books, Blake and Freud, which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in 1980, Epitaph and Icon (with M.A. Nelson), and Oedipus Anne: The Poetry of Anne Sexton.

Dr. George has also had a chapbook of her poetry published, The Evolution of Love, and has published over 30 articles, reviews, and chapters in books. These include works in Centenial Review, The Journal of Popular Culture, and Women's Studies.

Also an important aspect to her work is serving on the advisory board of "Hartford Studies in Literature", and taking an active part in editing three other publications.

She is a reader for Cornell University Press, Journal of English and Germanic Philology, Centenial Review, and The Journal of Popular Culture.

Her research does not end here however, for after the conclusion of the fall term teaching at Behrend, she will continue her work on two books, Early Boston Burying Grounds (with M.A. Nelson), which she expects to complete by the Spring of '86, and Two Burdeners: Maxine Kumin and Anne Sexton, which she expects to complete during the next

Behrend's expansion plans hold much for the future

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To the Behrend community, expansion and innovation are quickly becoming commonplace.

The past year has seen significant additions to campus; additions that are just the beginning of a carefully structured plan to assist the campus in reaching its potential.

eventually will have enrolled.

Associate Provost, Dean Burke

comments on Behrend's expansion,"In view of the number of students enrolled, Behrend has made a great many renovations.

We've come a long way, but we've also got a long way to go." It looks as though Behrend is moving in the right direction.



Behrend must continue expansion to keep up with consistent enrollment increases.